## No. 24-05 TOWN OF SCITUATE

## A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT BILL H—7753 RELATING TO PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Scituate ("Town") is a duly organized municipal corporation in the County of Providence and State of Rhode Island;

WHEREAS, the Town Council ("Council") is the governing body of the Town and is responsible for all aspects of governance;

WHEREAS, primary healthcare is the only medical service that has ever been shown to improve the health of the public and reduce the cost of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between the Town Council of Scituate and the Scituate Health Alliance, through Northwest Community Health Care d/b/a WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation ("WellOne"), has made Scituate the only town or city in the United States were every resident has access to primary medical and dental care; and

WHEREAS, that collaboration has likely improved the health of all Scituate residents, and likely saved taxpayers thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town and the State of Rhode Island to have the healthiest population and most affordable health care possible, which is made possible by the Town's collaboration with WellOne; and

WHEREAS, the Town's General Assembly Representative has introduced legislation (H-7753), which would exempt from taxation certain tangible personal property of WellOne, located in the Town at 35 Village Plaza Way, North Scituate, RI 02857 and further identified as Lot 72 of the Town Tax Assessor's Plat 38; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town and the State of Rhode Island for the Town to continue its collaboration with WellOne for the reasons stated above and H-7753 will further this goal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Scituate, Rhode Island respectfully request that the General Assembly pass H-7753, attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Town of Scituate's State Senator and State Representative in the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, all the Cities and Towns in the State of Rhode Island, and Governor in consideration of their support to approve these amendments to the General Laws.

By Order of the Scituate Town Council

Abbie J. Groves, President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official seal of the Town of Scituate this 11th day of April, 2024.

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk